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example, when Phibun announced that certain professions would be "reserved" for Thais only, the Viet Nam News commented: "Our fellow-countrymen should take careful note of this, and prepare themselves for other professions as we must always follow the Field Marshal's wishes with care."

* 25X1A Comment: The importance of Xom's position is indicated by the fact that he was empowered to give Hoang Nguyen interim instructions pending clarification from Viet Nam Government headquarters.

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